GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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QUALITY OF HEALTH SERVICES .
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to improve the quality of health services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance of the World Health Organisation, World Bank and other International Agencies likely to be sought in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to constitute any new body with the assistance of drug manufacturers, chemists and the Non-Governmental Organisations well-conversant with laboratories and research work to improve the quality of health services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Health is a State subject. Hence, State Governments are primarily responsible for provision of preventive, promotive and curative health care services. However, Central Government extends assistance to various States in implementation of Centrally Sponsored Health Programmes like Reproductive and Child Health (RCH), Malaria, TB, Blindness, Leprosy and AIDS. The government has also launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) which provides for adoption of Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) at all levels, i.e., sub-centres, primary health centres, community health centres and district hospitals. Efforts are also made to augment the resources for health sector by mobilizing external assistance. The World Health Organisation is providing technical assistance for the programmes of the sector, the World Bank is providing loans to the Government for the National Health programmes as well as some State Health Systems projects aimed at improving and upgrading the health care facilities and other international agencies such as UNICEF, UNFPA, Department For International Development of UK (DFID), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), European Commission(EC) etc. are collaborating with the government in different spheres of the NRHM.

(c) &(d): No such proposal is under consideration.